

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 4-17 were pending, claims 1-3 having been previously canceled. Claims 8, 9, 10, 13, and 15 have been amended herein. Following entry of the amendments claims 4-17 will be pending and at issue.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended to recite “consists of” a particular SEQ ID NO. Support can be found through the specification as filed, e.g., Table I on pages 15 and 16 and the sequence listing. The amendments to the claims therefore add no new matter and entry is respectfully requested.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Communication, the Examiner stated that the composition of a first polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:4) and second polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:8) would be searched.

The Examiner requested that a specific probe set be selected.

In response, Applicant elects without traverse a primer/probe set of oligonucleotides wherein said set consists of forward primers and reverse primers and hybridization probes, wherein each oligonucleotide consists of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (415) 875-2316.

Respectfully submitted,
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